

BIG STORM ON HAWAII

Heavy Rainfall On the Northern Coast.

Storms which raged from the last day of February, and which when the Kilauea left Hawaii Saturday, showed little evidence of clearing, have done great damage to the northern coast of the big island. The memory of the old inhabitant fails to bring up a parallel to the rainstorm, and the damage will not be known in its full extent for some time.

The storm center seems to have been the Kohala mountains, and from every side there gathered great clouds which poured down their burden. Mauna Kea, covered with snow to a greater extent than usually seen, also turned the rain laden clouds down upon the cane fields below, and the deluge, which reached its record at Paeo, where the gauge is reported to have registered 84.50, at an elevation of 1500 feet, swept things before it into the sea. Every stream which drops into the ocean, is running banks full, and there are numerous little waterfalls along the cliffs.

Hilo suffered a repetition of the breaking away of the floods from the river banks, and roads and bridges are wrecked. All along the coast the torrents have damaged bridges, and the general destruction of the highways exceeds that of any previous storm in many years, the reports indicating that there are only three bridges standing between Hilo and Kilauea, while at Waipio there has been general, and it is believed, absolute washing away of the bridges and culverts.

The greatest story of destruction probably will come from the Waipio valley. Reports which were brought down by Admiral Beckley of the Kilauea are that there was a wall of water reported to be 10 feet high, which swept down that valley, submerging off the inhabitants from every kind of communication with the outside world, except that which could be carried on by boats and rafts. There have been no reports of loss of life, but the damage done to property will be immense, as it appears probable from the reports that the growing crops have been destroyed and washed out to sea.

That there has been immense destruction to fumes and bridges is shown by the wreckage which strewn the entire northern coast of the island. Admiral Beckley says he has never before seen such a mass of wreckage as that which can be discerned all along the coast. The debris is of every nature, there being great trees as well as sawed lumber, and while the reports are not specific except in the case of the Hanalei and Hanalei plantations, which latter is reported to have already ordered 150,000 feet of lumber to replace fumes, it is believed that there has been considerable loss from the washing out of the trenches along the entire coast.

The greatest damage to the cane which has been reported as yet is to the fields which have been recently planted, where the cane was washed out, but the reports at hand do not tell of any serious destruction to the fields of growing cane. There will be with-out doubt some loss from the stoppage of grilling, as most of the mills between Hilo and Laupahoehoe had to suspend operations for some time. One of the incidents reported by Admiral Beckley from that coast indicative of the destruction of the roads and bridges, was that Messrs. Clive and George Davies, who had been at Laupahoehoe, being bound for Hanalei, a short distance away, where the drive could be made usually in an hour or so, were compelled to take the Kilauea, being taken aboard in a box, and landed at their destination.

There was also considerable loss caused by the washing away of the merchandise warehouse at Hanalei plantation; the sugar warehouse was not touched, but the general warehouse was completely destroyed by the surf, and the goods stored in it were washed all along the banks. The contents were a total loss, although much was recovered along the beach by natives, who have been hard at work, according to the reports, gathering in the goods which were washed to sea and then flung back upon the land. The storm and sea did the greatest damage at that point, according to everyone, for there also took place the heaviest loss to the roads. The road near Hanalei was completely covered by a great landslide which came down Wednesday, just after the passage of the stage, the road being obliterated. The rocks and earth came down from cliffs with such frequency that the Japanese who lived under the bluff all deserted their homes early in the week.

The damage done in Hilo was greater even than that inflicted by the storm of early in November. The water had been rising for more than two days in the Waialae stream, though it was slight. It was on Tuesday afternoon that the storm began in earnest. Then the waters came down, and Waialae street was speedily converted into a waterway. The stream rose rapidly and at the very point where the most damage was done before, at Hackfeld's old planing mill, the waters again made a breach, and tore their way through the road, making a breach seventy feet wide. The new culvert put in after the previous storm, was not great enough to carry off the waters, and although Sheriff Andrews tried to cut a channel in time to relieve the pressure of the water, he was not quick enough and the water broke through the Front street embankment on both sides of the culvert.

The rains began on Friday and until Monday there was only a fraction of an inch each day, Monday morning the rain gauge showing 1.07 inches. Tuesday the record showed 7.75, and even

THE MAHUKONA MEDDLER MAKES A BOW TO THE PUBLIC

A representation paper—came in the last mail from Mahukona, the editor of which we give below.

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INTRODUCTORY REMARKS

We, the editor, we mean the editorial we, having noticed with regret and wondering dismay that this enlightening and bustling neighborhood is without a daily, weekly or semi-weekly newspaper, and having concluded that this blank in our midst is a blot on us and as such should be removed, have decided, at our own risk and expense, to place before the intelligent and discriminating public (under which heading are included only those who agree with us and like this paper), a newspaper of the highest class, warranted not to bring the blush to the cheek of a month old babe.

We have undertaken this, not particularly with the idea of improving the morals of the neighborhood (we have not seen any morals that want improving), or of elevating the community (everybody here seems to be satisfied with the sea level), but to fill a long felt want, and to while away such hours as we have to spare from toll, sleep and food.

TOPICS OF THE WEEK.

Weather.—The less said about this the better. During the last few days the mean temperature has been the meanest on record.

Shipping.—The schooner Metha Nelson, like the poor, is still with us; but at last, to our joy, is ready for sea, and but waits for rude boreas to shut down on the noisy northern, which is at present in its midst. She has discharged 600 tons of coal and one sailor.

There is yet another sailor on board who would also have liked to have been discharged; but he is at present on board, suffering from an attack of circumstances over which he had no control—viz., one Hukal.

It happened thuswise: This able mariner, having come ashore with \$2, and presumably good intentions, returned to the wharf, after a lapse of time, with empty pockets and a load of swipes (a beverage of ancient origin). Filled with energy and the afore-said swipes, he instituted a search for American law, and after hunting in vain for this commodity, came to the conclusion that Hukal had it concealed on his person, beneath his shirt, which he, the inebriate mariner, proceeded to rip open, whereupon the generally amiable Hukal chided him severely on the jaw.

The jolly tar was then deposited in an empty coal-tub and removed to his vessel.

The Kilauea paid her usual Wednesday and Friday visits.

The Helene also called.

GENERAL INTELLIGENCE.

Some of the planters inside, having prayed unsuccessfully for rain during last year's drought, have turned their backs on Providence and taken to irrigation.

A number of hogs left by the Kilauea Friday last, but the species is not yet extinct in the neighborhood.

Ask charges 5 cents a pound for potatoes.

Our respected fellow citizen, Antonio Caldera, has been casting his bread upon the waters, daily, this week, from while the flood was on the rain fell until on Wednesday the gauge showed a night of 9.81 inches. During Monday night the fall at Mountain View was 10 inches, and during the 24 hours the fall was 27 inches. The Hawaii Herald says:

The big ditch that was recently dug at the Hilo Hospital choked up shortly after 1 o'clock Tuesday, and in cleaning it out Waialae street soon became flooded, owing to the insufficiency of the sewer system. In the vicinity of School street considerable damage was done to the streets. Between Bridge and Front streets, at 2 o'clock, the street was impassable, only a small portion of the street, just in the center, being above the water. In order to get the water into the sewer and ditches, and if possible, prevent further damage, the Road Board had a dam built across the street at the hospital. Shortly after 3 p. m. this gave way, and the street was flooded, the water carrying with it sticks, stones, and dirt, breaching the mass over the sidewalks. Yesterday morning the street looked like a badly cut up country road.

At Hackfeld's lumber yard the waters of the Waialae river rose to an alarming extent, and it was feared that the disastrous results of the November storm would be repeated. Inch by inch the water rose until the occupants of the cottages on the mauka side of the road were forced to abandon their homes.

Then Sheriff Andrews was communicated with and on visiting the scene he ordered a ditch dug across the road and about 100 feet Waiakoa of the culvert. This was done, so as to carry off some of the water that had collected there, but the scheme was put into effect too late to be of any benefit, and at 3 p. m. with a rush and a roar, the waters broke through the embankment, and from that time until nearly 5 p. m. the bank dwindled away until there was an opening across the road about 70 feet wide.

Great areas of the water lilies went through the opening crowded by debris of every kind. Boxes followed jars from China, and then a bridge came down the torrent and was jammed between the sluice box and the earth until continuous pounding of the waters broke it up. A new telephone pole was washed from its foundations and swung in the stream, suspended only by the wires. At intervals a pin would work loose and fly into the air and then fall back, and as this continued the wires mixed. Across the road from the telephone pole was an electric light pole that met the same fate. The uprights to the pile driver which had been left on the side of the road when the

the dock of the Metha Nelson.

On the Wednesday afternoon trip of our fast freight train, the Kilauea, a bag of rice was dropped from the cars, but, fortunately, a passing pedestrian picked it up and overtook the train with it before she had proceeded very far.

There is a dentist at present visiting Kohala who, we hear, is exceedingly popular in the district. There is nothing like having a good pull!

The Mr. Turner paid a visit to Mahukona last week, and, unfortunately, broke a shaft of his carriage on the way down. Evidently, the road to Mahukona seems to be as difficult to travel as that to heaven.

On Friday evening a battle combat took place in the vicinity between two of our native neighbors. The fight, however, was not brought to a finish, owing to the timely interference of Mr. Fraser. Beer was the cause of the trouble.

SOCIETY NEWS.

Mr. and Mrs. Fraser and family had their meals at the usual hours this week.

Master Sydney Fraser, who severely injured his knee five weeks ago, is rapidly approaching that stage of recovery when the injured member will be his proudest possession. Should any other boy, having had the measles and such like common juvenile complaints, pay Sydney a visit in the future Sydney can raise him the limit, and that boy will go away humbled and ashamed.

Our genial postmaster and shipping commissioner, Mr. Smithies, has been more than usually industrious at his place of business during the past week, owing to the propensity of the captain of the Metha Nelson for swearing complaints. The gallant skipper seems to regard swearing a complaint in the same light that other men do the drinking of a cocktail. Mr. Smithies has now affixed the following notice to the office door: "Notice to Mariners—Swearing is viz."

A galaxy of female youth and beauty attended Friday's departure of the Kilauea. Mr. Smithies and Mr. Irish were attentive courtiers.

The hearts of all Mahukona were reeled on Friday evening at beholding the pathetic paring of a betrothed couple. The hoarse call of "all aboard" in the admiral's best voice severed two breaking hearts. He goes to the mainland, she stays at home. There was a perceptible rise of the tide on Friday evening.

We enjoyed a very pleasant visit, some two weeks ago, from that best of priests, the Rev. Father Oliver. Father Oliver was here for the purpose of holding mass and confessing his flock. It (the flock) is now preparing to keep the Rev. Father busy next time he comes to Mahukona.

Mr. Bluet is thinking of buying a hot-air machine. He proposes to supply the motive power himself.

MAXIMS.

1. Men, like water, find their own level.

2. A gentleman of fortune is one who has money. A soldier of fortune is one who hasn't, but who hopes to.

(We guarantee these to wear well.—Ed.)

ADVERTISEMENTS AND POETRY.

Printed and published by John Lulu (in fear of his life). Near the Coal Pile, Mahukona.

Last repairs were finished were washed down to the beach and a dilapidated wagon, the same one that was washed under the planing mill last November was carried away a second time.

Late in the afternoon the underpinning of Pukinah bridge, near the residence of E. D. Baldwin, was washed away and the bridge condemned for hawks and other vehicles. In the vicinity of Hakalau the road was washed out in several places.

During Tuesday night a two-story house standing opposite Hackfeld's old planing mill was washed from its foundations and carried into the new channel, where it struck the telephone pole, bounding back. It settled in a position mauka of the road in about 10 feet of water. Early yesterday morning the incoming tide washed it back a short distance. Another small house joined it during the night, and now lies on the beach.

On the beach thousands of feet of lumber washed out and covered with sand during the November storm were uncovered by present storm and Hawaiians and Portuguese are reaping a benefit in carrying it away. Just where the water empties into the bay much earth was washed away, making the channel at that point nearly 200 feet wide.

All of the houses occupied by Japanese on the low ground mauka of Front street were flooded, the river in some places being a hundred feet wide. During Tuesday night it subsided, and unless the rain begins falling again there will be no further damage.

Messrs. F. A. Schaefer & Company received the following letter from Manager Watt, of the Honokaa plantation, which gives a history of the work of the storm along the coast:

"Since last writing you we have had a very heavy rainstorm, which has done a great deal of damage to the plantation. The rainfall since and including Feb. 25th, to this afternoon amounts to 33.55 inches. The mill has been stopped for nearly a week and it will be some days yet before we will be able to start again, even if the rain was stopped. There is little appearance of the rain stopping at this writing.

"The daily rainfall has been as follows: 25th ult., .95; 1st inst., 3.47; 2d, 1.19; 3rd, 2.37; 4th, 5.70; 5th, 8.09; 6th, 7.67; 7th, 3.86, and this afternoon at half past four, .92. The railway bridge on the Neine gulch has been undermined and it will take some time to get the foundations in a way that the locomotives can cross. We have made several attempts but the water has been too high to allow of any work being done. The crossing at the government road on the same gulch has been washed

MAUI SWEEP BY STORMS

MAUI, March 8, 1930.—The most serious storm of the season, with the greatest rainfall in years, began Friday evening, Feb. 25th, and ended Friday, March 7th. Thursday evening the kona wind, which had been blowing for weeks, suddenly subsided about 10 o'clock, and the driving storm, over three feet of rain fell in some localities.

In the Makawao-Hana sections of East Maui, most of the rain fell, though nearly every portion of Maui had an unusually heavy fall.

Haleakala Ranch of Makawao had 37 inches; Puuomale, 25 inches; Hana plantation, 25 inches; Kilauea, 21 inches; mauka Kula, 15 inches; Hanalei, 10 inches; while Paila had only five or six inches.

Even further mauka at Kahului the rainfall must have been very large, for the lagoon again overflowed its banks and the Spreckelsville road that runs into the village, was again transformed into a torrent.

The Kahului R. R. Co.'s track had a washout at Spreckelsville several hundred feet in extent, and another more serious one about 400 yards below the Paila station. Here about 40 feet of track with the sleepers fastened to the rails forms a sort of suspension bridge. The embankment 10 feet deep including a small 15-foot bridge, was washed from under the track. Recent passengers to Paila have been obliged to walk the sleepers over the suspended track in order to get to the carriages at the station, 400 yards away. This damage will require several days to repair.

The Waialua-Lahaina road around the mountain also had several washouts, but they were speedily filled in, and yesterday, the 7th, a hack made the trip from Lahaina to Waialua.

The Kula gulches were all running with lively streams and the bridge and culvert at what is known as the Wagner gulch was washed away. It will probably cost \$500 to repair it. The bridge crossing the government road at Pauwela was also swept away.

The only casualty of the storm was the drowning of a Portuguese at the Kilauea crossing of Maliko gulch, the forenoon of Thursday, the 6th. During the 5th the rainfall in the vicinity had been 10 inches and on the 4th 12 inches, and kamaias say they had never seen "Ei-elele," as the storm is called, so large, it being at least 100 feet wide. Thursday morning Joe de Curt, a middle aged Portuguese resident of Kilauea, accompanied by two friends, attempted to cross Aieale at Kilauea, wishing to attend the funeral of a countryman of theirs at Paila plantation. Two crossed in safety, but Joe de Curt's horse stumbled while in the middle of the current, and horse and rider were swept over the fall into the whirlpool below, where all trace of them was lost. The body of the man has not as yet been found, though his horse, coat and hat were discovered on Friday, several waterfalls below the Kilauea crossing. Joe de Curt leaves a widow and five young children.

Wednesday, the 5th, a Japanese on horseback while attempting to cross Maliko at the seashore of Hailu, was swept out into the ocean, but his plucky little horse swam back to the shore in safety, saving his life.

It was the floods of rain and not the fierce wind that did all the damage on Maui. At Hana, the beautiful little bay was raked from shore to shore by eight or ten great breakers, which kept rolling in and throwing high the spray. Such a spectacle had never before been witnessed by any inhabitant.

The only vessel in the harbor was the schooner Wright, which was safely moored in the innermost curve of the bay.

During Wednesday and Thursday, Maui people sighed for a perfected wireless, telegraph or cable. They were most desirous to know the true reason of the non-appearance of the Claudine. They imagined that it must be the bad weather that prevented her from coming, but wished for certain knowledge.

ed out, as well as the bridge on the new landing road, and the wagon crossing at the railroad bridge has been washed out; but we were able to get a bridge put over that place this morning. The wall at the landing has been filled up with mud, and up to this time we have not been able to get a start to clean it out. Yesterday afternoon we were able to get down into the hole, and found about four feet of mud over the pump, and the well was almost filled with mud and stones. We do not know what damage was done to the pump, but we are inclined to think that the damage will be small if we get it cleaned out soon. On the Ahualoa gulch the crossing at the government road is washed out. The railroad bridge is slightly damaged on the same gulch, but we got the damage to the railroad bridge pretty well fixed up today.

"The bridge on the gulch beyond the engineer's house has been slightly damaged, but it will be easily repaired again. Besides bridges being damaged there have been a few washouts on the railroad.

"The damage done to the fields is considerable, especially on the land which has been plowed lately and in the late planted cane. On the fields which have not been plowed and on the fields which are covered with cane, there is little or no damage done.

"The storm which has continued for over a week now has been the most severe that has been known in Hanalei by anyone living here. From Kilauea on this way great damage has been done, and it will be weeks before the roads can be passable. The rainfall for the storm at a point above Kilauea, at an elevation of 1500 feet, was reported this morning to have been 84.50 inches.

"The flume on the water ditch over the Malanahai gulch has been washed away and will have to be renewed before any fluming can be done. We have a little cane lying out in one field, which we have not been able to get down, about 15 carloads, but we hope to be able to get it out before the cane gets

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